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ROLL OF CHURCHES AND THEIR MESSENGERS

Allen's Chapel—J. C. Kelly, P. B. Fogg.
Aaron's Creek—Tom Smith, M. A. Smith.
Blue Wing—E. M. Tuck.
Baptist Grove—L. E. Tuck, Thomas C. Hawkins.
Big Ruin Creek—B. W. Williams, H. W. Williams.
Concord—Thomas Perry, C. H. Thomasson.
Davis' Chapel—Hampton Umstead, Frank Royster.
Flat Creek—Stephen Hart, Caleb Brame, Daniel Marrow.
Harris' Hill—S. Wilkerson.
Louisburg—Patrick Thomson, G. W. Alston,
Michael's Creek—B. G. Taylor, James Daniel, David Rice.
Micherner's Grove—James I. McKnight.
New Corinth—James Daniel,W. H. Downey, J. H. Peace.
New Johnathan Creek—Lether Pointer, F. A. Clark.
New Bethel—F. C. Carpenter.
Nut Bush—J. C. Cobb, G. R. Brame, G. W. Lewis.
Nelson's Chapel—David Sandy, J. Barnette.
New Grassy Creek—Mat. Chavis, William Royster.
Nelson's (Louisburg)—Sills, Fogg, Williamson.
Philadelphia—A. C. Cross.
Red Bud—G. W. Henderson, Westley Cooper.
Shiloh, Henderson—J. H. Satterwhite, W. Perry, J. E. Scott.
Shiloh, Kittrell—G. W. Rogers, Daniel Burwell.
Spring Street—R. S. Frazier, Daniel Harris.
Stovall Chapel—W. E. Taylor, Milton Smith.
Welcome Chapel—J. Walter Scott, A. D. Watkins.

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PROCEEDINGS

Michael's Creek, N. C., October, 1919.

According to appointment the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina convened with the Michael's Creek Baptist church on the 8th day of October, A.D. 1919. Rev. S. L. Parham, President of said Association promptly at 11 o'clock a. m. called the house to order. Praise service was conducted by Rev. T. H. Burwell and Rev. J. M. Taylor. Rev. Burwell announced No. 641 B. H. B. Rev. Taylor read 16th chapter of the Acts, commencing at the 14th verse and commented briefly on the same. Prayer was offered by Dr. A. W. Peguese. After prayer No. 636 B. H. B. was joyously sung by the congregation "I love Thy kingdom Lord," &c. The Moderator then came to the chair. Rising and said, my dear brethren, it is with sorrow that I state to you that through the death of our beloved, and highly esteemed Bro. R. A. Wyche, who was Secretary of our body for years leaves us without a Secretary. His brother P. M. Wyche being Secretary to the Executive Board was requested to act as Secretary until the vacancy was filled by election. By mutual consent Bro. P. M. Wyche was continued Secretary until election.

The deacons being absent, the Moderator called the Vice-President to the chair, as he arose to deliver the welcome address. The President began by saying: As he was pastor of this church a double duty was imposed on him, but knowing as he did, how anxious and how long the church had awaited their coming, it was a pleasure to tell them of the good things the people had had in store for them. He added that this people is noted for good and abundant eatables, and you will find this to be true before you leave; but you may find our cakes few on account of the scarcity of sugar. We are glad you have come. We bid you welcome, for the cause you espouse; the work you are trying to do, you are welcome to, our community; our homes, our elaborate tables and good sleeping quarters, brethren you are welcome, and I hope you may feel so.

Rev. G. W. Watkins, responded, and in his response, he said, he felt himself at home, and spoke of his childhood days in this community, and also spoke of good men that had pastored this church, and said that Dr.

W. A. Patillo was the first preacher he ever saw, and knew him as the big red man, dear brothers I come to you not on a socializing trip, but to gladen your hearts, and after hearing the cordial welcome extended by the pastor, I now vouch for your conduct while here as becometh Christians, and in conclusion I wish to serve notice on the pastor, that when I get to the table I am going to loosen my belt and do my best, and when I am gone there will be not so much worry over feeding of chickens and feeding sheep, cows, and calves. After this the folowing enrollments of churches and messengers was entered. (See enrollments.)

At this point a financial statement was submitted from the Executive Board by the clerk of the Board (see the statement.) On motion the report was received and placed in the hands of the Auditor. The acting Treasurer J. H. Peace, reported that the Board had placed for safekeeping one hundred and two dollars and seventy-six cents ($102.76). Just here the President made some impressive remarks on how hard the Board struggled to hold up the cause and do the necessary work during the influenza epidemic, followed by Bro. J. H. Peace on the same cause. Afterwards a committee on new churches reported favorable for Nelson's, Franklin county, on motion the church was annexed to the Association, and the messengers was given the hand of fellowship. Rev. Overby sent a message of regrets for not attending the Association. By mutual consent Dr. A. W. Peguese, was allowed to speak to the Association as he had an engagement of very great importance for the afternoon. The Doctor came forward and asked the Association to bow their heads in prayer; after this fervent invocation he arose with tears in his eyes, and said he came to represent the Theological Department of Shaw University. No, said he, I am rather representing the preaching side of the Kingdom of God. Language can not properly portray this wonderful speech; the vast audience was held spell-bound from beginning to end, as we listened to the word of God falling from the mouth of this great champion of God's cause. He concluded by saying that arrangements had been effected to establish scholarships, and any young man could attend the Theological Department of Shaw University eight months for $40.00. "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," was sung. On motion we pledged one scholarship. It was now time for inter-

mission. But as Rev. G. W. Watkins had to leave on the same train, was also allowed to speak as he was Field Secretary. Rev. L. G. Christmas, made a short talk endorsing the speeches of Watkins and Peguese.

Intermission.

First Day's Afternoon Session.

Praise service conducted by Rev. Billy Williams and Charlie Webb. Singing No. 503, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say &c." Brother Webb read 3rd chapter of Romans, prayer by Rev. Williams. Second hymn, "My Soul Be on Thy Guard &c." The President then came to the chair, and announced the meeting opened and ready for business. The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved. The following committees were then appointed: On Time and Place, On Grievances, On Temperance, On Education, On Obituary, On Revision of Constitution and By-Laws, On Appropriations, On Officers. (See committees.) After the appointment of these committees by special arrangements, Dr. L. T. Christmas was introduced to the Association, who would preach the Introductory Sermon, assisted by Rev. F. P. Jones, who sang 765, L. M. "Go Preach My Gospel &c." Rev Christmas read 2nd Cor. 2nd chapter to 10th verse. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Levister; 203 B. H. H. was sung. "Am I a oldier of the Cross &c." was sung by the congregation. Rev. Christmas commenced by saying I am here, in sympathy, love, and spirit and I feel very highly honored. "Go ye in all the world and preach my Gospel, saith the Lord." The Dovtor surpassed ours, but not his own expectations, in substance and delivery. At the conclusion a collection of $6.00 was lifted.

Adjournment by Rev. Burwell.

THURSDAY

Second Day's Morning Session.

Praise service by J. C. Cobb, and J. M. Burwell, Rev. Burwell led No. 703 B. H. B. "Am I a Soldier of the Cross &c." Rev. Cobb read the 12th of Romans and offered prayer. No. 627 by Rev. Burwell. The Moderator announced the house ready for business and called for the

proceedings of yesterday's session which was read and approved. The program was taken up in order. Greetings from the Field led by Bro. P. M. Wyche, briefly, but pointedly and timely followed by Brethren D. Burwell, W. E. Taylor, Fogg, Henderson, Kelly, Daniel Williams, Frazier, Sills, George Webb, Carpenter, Scott, Satterwhite, Smith, Peace and others. At the close of these expressions the Audieor submitted his report; on motion his report was received (see report elsewhere.) The folowing visitors were then introduced to the Association by the President: Miss Minnie Lyons, Dr. M. C. Ransom, Sister Adline Jenkins, Dr. C. H. Williamson, and Hon. H. P. Cheatham. Hon. Cheatham was detained to represent his work (the Orphan Asylum of Oxfrod, N. C.) The speaker briefly laid his cause at the feet of a generous people and in detail explained the condition, needs and workings of this Institution, and concluded by saying, his feelings, heart, and every effort, was in the slogan of today, (to wit) the good of all the people. A collection of $40.81 was lifted. After which Miss Lyon was recalled and in response came forward, and in a brief manner spoke of her calling, preparation to go over in the Foreign Fields to labor among and for her benighted people as a Missionary in Africa, and asked the Association to pray for her. A collection of $20.83 was raised. Dr. J. A. Cotton, president of the H. N. I., Dr. G. C. Shaw of the M. P. M. Institute, Oxford, N. C., Mrs. L. B. Yancey, County Superivsor of rural schools, and Miss Lucy Royster of Tarboro Graded School was introduced to the body, and each of the above named persons thanked the association for their kind reception, declaring they were one of us and with us in our efforts to Christianize, lift up, and to bring about a better state of affairs among our people, religiously, socially, economically, and financially, Dr. Shaw said just as he entered the door he heard the name, and the last sentence of Miss Lyon and wished to give $1.00 in the collection and did so. After announcing the committee on nomination of officers, naming one from each church, Rev. Grigg gave the benediction.

Intermission.

Second Day's Afternoon Session.

Praise service by Rev. J. A. Levister and Rev. Willis Henderson. Rev. Levister led No. 303, S. M. "Come Holy

Sprit, Come, &c." Rev. Henderson read 3rd chapter of James 1-12 verse. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Alston. Second hymn, No. 623, "O for a Heart to Praise My God, &c." Rev. Henderson commented briefly on the scripture just read. The hour having arrived for the President's Address, the Vice-President came to the chair and called all committees in and notified the large crowd that the President was going to deliver his annual message. A soul stirring hymn was led by Rev. W. A. Blackwell as the President stood and surveyed the eager and attentive audience. His address was delivered with much enthusiasm, and deep thought, clear, well defined, clear in tone of delivery. After he concluded a committee was appointed on President's address, Rev. J. M. Taylor, Harvey Johnson, J. E. Scott and Rev. T. H. Burwell. The Committee on Constitution submitted their report. (See report.) Rev. J. H. Williamson was then called upon to represent his cause. He came forward and began by saying it seemed that he was always put off for the last. How be it, I come to represent the Shiloh Institute of Norlina, and after setting forth its aims, and purposes, he concluded by saying to succeed in such enterprises, and such great undertaking it required three things; first a heart filled with the love of God, a head full of sense and a pocket full of money. On motion we represent in the State Convention by sending two messengers(carried) On motion the President Rev. S. L. Parham be one (carried) on motion Rev. J. M. Taylor, be the other (carried) on we pay full fare one way for each (carried).

Rev. J. M. Taylor said he knew it was rather in advance, but he wished to offer a resolution of thanks to this people for their kindness, &c. (see resolutions)

Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. Royster.

Third Day, Friday Morning Session

Praise service by Rev. Harkless Hicks and Carpenter. Rev. Hicks sang, "O, Could I Find From Day to Day &c." Brother Carpenter read and spoke from the 9th Chapter of St. John, and offered a fervent prayer for the church, Association and all the folks. Second hymn, "O, for a Heart to Praise My God, &c." The President then announced the house ready for business. The minutes of the previous sesions was read and adopted. The auditor

submitted his report. (see report.) Committee on Finance and Letters reported. (see report.) Committee on Time and Place reported (see report) Mrs. Warren was introduced to the Association as worker for the West Granville Union of the Home Mission Society. Committee on Obituary reported. Committee on Nomination of Officers (see report) Treasurer reported for the year, 1917 (see report.)

Friday Afternoon Session

Opened by a general song service congregation, as this was the last session everybody got busy, Hon. J. Y. Eaton who was to speak on the need of a denominational school in our bounds, was absent, Bro. J. H. Peace begged to not make a speech, but had rather show his faith by his works and asked them to look the Stovall school and premises over and see what a few had done because they felt the need of such an Institution. On motion of Rev. Harvey Johnson a committee of eleven be appointed to visit said school. Report on the facts and figures, locations, conditions in general and advise on said proposition. The committe as appointed Rev. H. Johnson, J. H. Satterwhite, P. M. Wyche, Rev. T. H. Burwell, Rev. J. M. Taylor, R. S. Frazier, Rev. W. A. Blackwell, J. E. Scott, Rev. Billy Williams and Stephen Hart. The committee appointed to visit the proposed school, or Peace Institute reported after the report, on motion a commission of five be elected to be given full power and authority to meet with like commission from said school and make such deal, as seems best, sign and seal such papers or contracts as is necessary on part of said Association, Commissioners as elected are Rev. S. L. Parham, chairman, J. H. Satterwhite, Rev. J. M. Taylor, Rev. T. H. Burwell and P. M. Wyche, Secretary. The hour having come for the Doctrinal Serman, Rev. Harvey Johnson, assisted by Rev. J. M. Taylor went in the pulpit. Rev. Taylor led in singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross, &c." Rev. Johnson read the 1st chapter of the 2nd Epistle of John, Rev. Taylor offered prayer. Second No. 234 B. H. B. Rev. Johnson then proceeded to speak to the people out of God's word, from the theme, "The Perseverence of the Saints." The sermon was more than was expected at such a late hour. Prayer by Rev. Burwell. The congregation

joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Mutual Love &c" Resolutions of thanks as passed:

"Whereas this Association has been so royally entertained by this church and the people of this community, having spared nothing in making it pleasant and comfortable for us during these three days of our stay. Therefore, be it Resolved that, we show our appreciation and express our thanks for the same by a rising vote." —Rev. J. M. Taylor.

The time having come for a final adjournment the gavel gave the signal thus closing the most successful session in the history of the Association, especially from a financial standpoint. Benediction, Rev. C. R. Smith. Adjourned to meet next with the Spring Street Baptist church, Henderson, N. C. 1920.

REV. S. L. PARHAM, President.

P. M. WYCHE, Secretary.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Oct. 10, 1917 received from the Association at Louisburg--$195.00

PAID OUT ON ORDERS:

Orphan Asylum, Oxford, N. C.	$ 10.00
Representing in State Convention	12.00
To J. H. Satterwhite for Institute	20.00
J. H. Peace expenses to State Convention	2.50
Rev. S. L. Parham, Foreign Missions	30.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1917.

This is to certify that I have very carefully examined the papers and vouchers of the Treasurer for the year 1917. I find them perfectly correct to the best of knowledge and judgment. This the 9th day of October, 1919.

D. B. SATTERWHITE, Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Beg leave to announce that the sitting of this Association be held with the Spring Street Baptist Church in Henderson, N. C. Commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's day, October 1920.

WARREN PERRY,
L. E. TUCK,
W. H. DOWNEY,
W. E. TAYLOR,
J. C. KELLY,
G. W. LEWIS,
Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We, your committee beg leave to say that after a careful examination we recommend his address as a whole, and it be printed in the minutes of the Association, and a copy be sent for publication in the Union Reformer.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. HARVEY JOHNSON,
J. M. TAYLOR,
T. H. BURWELL,
J. E. SCOTT,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your committee, on Obituary beg to submit the following: Whereas, God in His wise providence has seen fit to take from our midst and called from labor to reward the following Brethren: Bro. M. G. Crudup, of iKttrell; Rev. J. H. Lyon, Oxford; Rev. T. H. Jeffreys, Person county; Deacon R. A. Wyche, Flat Creek; Deacon Reuben Daniel, Stovall and Bro. J. R. Chester. We humbly bow ourselves to God's will.

REV. C. R. SMITH,
WM. ROYSTER,
J. S. WILLIAMS,
CALEB BRAME,
MILTON SMITH,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTE ON FINANCE AND LETTERS

Beg leave to report the following. We have received Letters and Finance from the twenty-five churches, to wit:

	For Association	Foreign Mission	Orphan Asylum	Total
Allen's Chapel	$ 5.00			$ 5.00
Aaron's Creek	7.50			7.50
Big Ruin Creek	5.00			5.00
Blue Wing	6.00	$10.00		16.00
Baptist Grove	4.00	1.00		5.00
Concord	5.00			5.00
Davis Chapel	11.25			11.25
Flat Creek	15.00	4.63		19.63
Harris Hill	2.50	1.41		3.91
Louisburg	20.00	46.00		66.00
Michener's Grove	2.00	1.59		3.59
Micheals Creek	20.00	65.00		85.00
Nut Bush	5.00	5.60	$2.00	12.60
New Johnathan Creek	12.00	11.02		23.02
New Corinth	25.00	7.00		32.00
Nelson Chapel	10.00	36.41		46.41
Nelson Chapel, Franklin County	12.00			12.00
Philadelphia	4.70			4.70
Shiloh, Henderson	25.00			25.00
Shiloh, Kittrell	10.00			10.00
Stovall Chapel	6.00			6.00
Spring Street	5.00			5.00
New Bethel	3.50	5.00		8.50
New Grassy Creek	7.85	1.08		8.93
Red Bud	8.00	4.12		12.12
Wellcome Chapel	5.00			5.00

D. B. SATTERWHITE,
G. W. ROGERS,
J. W. SCOTT, ,
DANIEL BURWELL,
DANIEL MARROW,
A. C. CROSS,
HAMPTON UMSTEAD,
Committee.

On motion the letters sent up from Churches be given the Secretary to be read to the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

We, your committee on Nomination of Officers beg leave to submit the following:

For President—Rev. S. L. Parham.
Vice-President—J. H. Peace.
Recording Secretary—P. M. Wyche.
Corresponding Secretary—W. A. Blackwell.
Treasurer—R. S. Frazier.
Auditor—D. B. Satterwhite.
Ordaining Council—Revs. E. D. Smith, T. H. Burwell, S. G. Griggs, J. A. Levister, Harvey Johnson, Deacon Stephen Hart.
Executive Board—Rev. S. L. Parham G. W. Lewis, J. H. Satterwhite, Matthew Chavis, G. W. Rogers, G. W. Henderson, B. G. Taylor, and Frank Royster.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SATTERWHITE,
B. G. TAYLOR,
GEORGE ALSTON,
STEPHEN HART,
JAMES DANIEL,
G. W. ROGERS,
R. S. FRAZIER,
CHARLIE WEBB,
A. D. WATKINS,
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MAT CHAVIS,
G. R. BRAME,
F. A. CLARK,
S. WILKERSON,
FRANK ROYSTER,
H. W. WILLIAMS,
L. E. TUCK,
E. M. TUCK,
THOMAS SMITH,
J. C. KELLY,
H. C. CARPENTER,
JAMES I. McKNIGHT,
M. A. SMITH,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

We, your Committee of Appropriations beg leave to submit the following:

To Scholarship Shaw University	$ 40.00
To Orphan Asylum Oxford, N. C.	42.00
To two delegates half fare to State Convention	15.00
To African and Haitiain Mission	40.00
To Sexton of Micheal's Creek Church	3.00
To Printing Programs	4.34
To Compiling Minutes	12.00
To Printing Minutes	40.00
To Bro. Daniel Burwell	40.00
To Church Letter Blanks	3.00
To Mitchener's Grove Church	10.00
To Philadelphia Church	10.00
To Secretary, stationery and service	4.50
To Committee visiting school	1.50
To Publishing President's address	1.50
Total	$266.84

J. H. PEACE,
REV. T. H. BURWELL,
STEPHEN HART,
B. G. TAYLOR,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, your committee on Constitution and By-Laws, report the following:

First that Article 9 be so amended as to read, "that this Asosciation shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association;" the best mehtod of effecting this purpose shal be left to the discretion of the Association.

Also that Section 13 be amended to read, "that this Association shall have an Executive Board who shall have full control and charge of all the work of the Association when not in session."

Reported third that Section 14 of the By-Laws to read, "That it shall not be lawful for the Moderator to give time to visitors until the business of the Association shall have been completed."

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. M. TAYLOR,
REV. T. H. BURWELL,
REV. C. R. SMITH,
J. E. SCOTT,
J. H. SILLS
J. H. SATTERWHITE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following recommendation as a report: Whereas, ignorance is a hinderance to moral, and spiritual uplift of the people; and in view of the fact, that this Association stands for Christian education. Therefore we recommend 1st That each pastor and church hold one educational service during the year, thereby encouraging, and strengthening our efforts in their respecitve communities to assist worthy young men in school who are preparing themselves for the Gospel ministry; 2nd And to do more for our Secondary Schools, further that each church report at the next sitting of this body the results of such services,

Respectfully,

REV. F. P. JONES,
REV. T. M. YOUNG,
REV. G. W. PEACE,
P. B. FOGG,
DANIEL BURWELL,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

We, the committee on Temperance, submit the following: Whereas, the habit of drinking as a beverage causes the mistreatment of families, neighbors, and churches; and its effects is debasing to communities; therefore, be it resolved; That this Association denounce intemperance as an evil agent, leading its victims down, making orphans, and augmenting the convict roll of our county and State. Resolved second, that each pastor and

preacher preach against this evil to human society for the Bible says "Be not filled with wine wherein is excess."

Submitted by,
REV. J. C. COBB,
C. H. PLUMMER,
C. H. LASSITER,
REV. J. W. ROYSTER
WESTLEY COOPER,
Committee.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE PRESENT SESSION,

October 8, 1919.

Brought from Treasurer C. R. Smith	$ 12.65
From J. H. Peace, acting Treasurer	102.00
From Churches	275.00
First public collection	6.00
Second public collection	40.81
Third public collection	21.83
For Peace Institute	98.00
Michael's Creek	35.00
Amount collected	$591.37
Amount paid out	266.84
Balance on hand	$324.53
Concord church	5.00
	$329.53

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED SCHOOL.

Mr. President and members of the Middle Baptist Association, we, your committee appointed by this body, to visit the said proposed school and inspect, investigate, and report on said proposition and most respectfully submit the following as our report, for consideration, to wit:

We visited said school site; we found a two-story wooden building in erection and nearly completed, arranged for two class rooms on the upper floor, one large room on first floor, divided by a rolling screen, so as to make two rooms when necessary. Said building is situated on a beautiful rolling knowl consisting of three acres of original oaks, and hickories. We recommend that the Associaiton take over this property, as proposed, and take an option of Fifty ($50.00) Dollars, and such other amount as may be given by friends. The Association reserving the right to name, and elect the trustees, board of managers, &c. But empowering the present organization to control and operate said school during the next Associational year,

Respectfully submitted,
REV. HARVEY JOHNSON, REV. R. S. FRAZIER
J. H. SATTERWHITE, REV. W. A. BLACKWELL,
P. M. WYCHE, J. E. SCOTT,
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REV. J. M. TAYLOR, STEPHEN HART,
Committee.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it is one of the leading objects of this Association to assist in the education of the Ministry, and

Whereas, this Association purposes by the Lord's help to carry out His noble objects as far as possible; therefore be it

Resolved, That at this sitting of the Association we will donate from the Associational Funds, Twelve Dollars to assist in educating some worthy young man who is trying to educate himself for the Ministry in the Theological Department of Shaw University, under the following plan, viz:

That the Association or its Executive Board shall have the privilege to name such young man as shall be aided from such fund. That three dollars per month is to be paid as part payment to said school for four months, providing he remains studying the ministry.

Resolved Second, That we pledge ourselves in good faith to continue this donation, with increased amount if possible, until we shall be able to educate for the Ministry only, some God-called young man.

Humbly submitted,
R. I. WALDEN.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear brethren of the Middle Baptist Association of North Carolina, Ladies and gentlemen: It becomes my pleasant duty at this time to render unto you my annual report in the form of an address.

It is with inexpressable joy and thankfullness unto God, the Alwise Creator and sustainer of all, that we are permitted to meet today face to face and eye to eye, coming from our various fields of labour, with our many peculiar problems resting heavily upon us. We have come to exchange views which we believe will prove to be of mutual help to each other in the working out of our peculiar problems in our respective fields of labor and thereby press onward with the work of extending the Master's Kingdom on earth among men.

We are now reminded of the sadness due to the scourge of influenza brought to our land last year at this time and caused our church doors to be closed, our church bells silenced, and forbid God's Ministers from entering into His "holy temple" with their flock around them to worship and pay homage to their Lord and King. When the "ban" was lifted the faithfull communicants could gladly join in the joyful acclamation of the Psalmist when he said "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates O, Jerusalem!"

For the preservation of our lives and the ending of the most horrible war the world has known, let us rise to our feet and sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

The field, brethren as far as I have been able to survey is in a prosperous condition. The workers seem to be laboring faithfully, in spite of the many unpleasant disadvantages due very largely to war conditions and reconstruction.

The world having just emerged from the horrors of war and suffering, the struggle for consciousness is apparent in the nations, races, institutions, and individuals. In a time like this of such a spiritual and mental excitement, we are hopelessly doomed without the consciousness of the divine hand about us directing the affairs of mankind.

Unto those whose hands and trust have been committed the responsibility of shaping and building the world's new institutions, I would warn you after the manner of David the servant of old. When Solomon, his son was entrusted with the honor and responsibility of building the temple for Jehovah, and rendezvous for the people. He warned him saying, "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh, but in vain."

"To build well we must build right, to build right,
God bust be in it."

Evidently the church needs a new vision of God, because of the church's relation to the war which we have just emerged and the indescribable sacrifices of human energy and blood, the church has been subject to much unfair criticism. Many have proclaimed indiscriminatelly the faillure of the Christian church. Such philosopy tho' baseless and satanic has had its effect in creating within the church pessimistic influence, expressed in the sin of indifference and indefinite actions. Luke warmness is prevalent in every church. To this class I would remind you of the fact that God is with His church, and the church of Christ cannot fail. She will conquer every foe. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God was with the church in the days of the flood. He was with it under taskmasters in Egypt. He went before it in the Red Sea. He was with it in the barren wilderness, He was with it in prison, He was with it in the lion's den, He was with it in the fiery furnace. He has promised to be with His church always, even unto the end of the world. Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

If I am permitted here to speak of denominational distinction, I would say the world's war has given the Baptists prestige no other denomination can boast. The chief object for which our country has fought as we understand it was for the world's democracy. The emancipation of the people, the recognition of the rights of all the people irrespective to race, color, creed or previous condition.

This doctrine is of Baptist origin. Equal rights and full liberty to all are held strictlly to, by Baptists regardless. We firmly believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and out of one blood God made all nations to dwell on the face of the earth.

I am convinced that we, the followers of Jesus Christ must uncompromisingly preach the whole Gospel of the Son of God, and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, always mindful of the great "Ollivets Commission," "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, they that believe and is baptized shall be saved," again "go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Ghost teaching them to observe all things whatsoever

I have commanded you, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Permit me to add here we need more preaching that is teaching and less or none of that exciting, carousement that is so sadly being mistaken for gospel preaching, deceiving the people by playing on their emotion or feeling, leaving the soul starving for the truth that makes them free and develops the spiritual life and character.

We must encourage Baptist training. It was said by one of our great leaders very recently, what we ourselves as Christians believe, we should teach it to our children. If we believe in Baptist principles, we ought to teach our children to believe in them.

We can not afford as Baptist any longer to be derelictive in this God-given duty and responsibility or indifferent to the successful accomplishment of this moral obligation. One so significant and vital to the future existence of our denomination. Each individual Baptist is responsible for the training of their children.

We are taught in the scriptures to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

We confess to our shame, we have too willingly consented for our children to be trained by others whose doctrines differs widely from what we as Baptists, believe and practice.

While these schools have done much in the developing of our young people mentally and morally, and as far as I am able to observe they have been remarkably liberal, touching their faith and doctrine they have not forced it upon our children. I remind you however, that the silent forces are at work, and they are the most fruitful in their operations, radical operations are not the winning forces in nature, it's the conservative methods and operations that appeals to the child and ultimately wins.

The Roman Catholic once said, give me the first seven years of the child, you may then take it where you please and it will be a Catholic, which is to say, the early training is so significant and deep rooted in the child life, that it is impossible to successfully supplant it when older.

I believe we should thank God for all the schools and bow in deep gratitude for their splendid work, I also firmly believe we as Baptists should be too proud if for no other reason to sit still and allow pedo-Baptist to train our children.

Foreign Mission work as reported at the last sitting of the Lott Craey Convention September 3, 4 and 5th, Washington, D. C. Our work in Liberia, Africa and Haiti as reported by our Missionary, Dr. Boone and others, was very encouraging. Our foreign field has been increased by nine new members, who will sail as soon as arrangements can be made. We had already in Liberia, Africa, six, Haiti ten, South Africa six plus nine equal thirty-one (31.)

Amount in cash sent up to the Convention for missions by the men was $18,340.00; the Woman's Auxiliary, $7,120.00; total $25,460.00.

We sadly confess, our cause is still suffering for trained ministers; the pews have in many places caught up and surpassed the pulpits. It is a deplorable condition, in view of the fact the preachers must forever be the leaders of the people, whether prepared or not they have the firmest hold on the masses. Never were the opportunities so bright for the prepared minister. Never will

there be a time when their services will be greater in demand and more cheerfully responded to than now.

Shaw University offers a thorough course in theology under the direction of Dr. N. F. Roberts who is peculiarly fitted for the place first for his Christian piety, (2) scholarship and years of experience, strongly assisted by Prof. W. S. Turner, A.M., and recently Dr. A. W. Pegues, whose ability is without question, in the field of education, with these able men as instructors a new day has dawned on the theological department of Shaw Univeristy.

For those who cannot go from home for a whole term, I recommend the three months' course Shaw offers each school year, beginning in January and through March. Also private study, correspondence courses, travel and institutes, such as are being conducted by Drs. E. M. Brawley of Durham, N. C., S. N. Vass and A. B. Vincent of Raleigh, N. C. By all means prepare.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First, that we stand fast in the doctrine and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

(2) That we as ministers and workers, keep ever before the people, the "exalted Christ," God's standard of righteousness. (a) in our daily life and practice. Then in our office as preacher or teacher, live the things on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, that we preach on Sunday.

(3) At this sitting of our Assocaition, in a tangible way, endorse the splendid movement of Bro. J. H. Peace and others with reference to the school under construction by them.

(4) That the churches increase the salaries of their pastors so as to be commensurate with the high cost of living. "Muzzle not the ox that treads out the wheat."

(5) Candidates for ordination be required to make favorable showing in the following subjects, (1) regeneration, (2) call to the ministry, (3) knowledge of the Bible, (4) attributes of God, (5)church government, (6) reading, spelling and writing and English grammar.

Thanking you for the confidence you've expressed in selecting me from your number for four consecutive years as your Moderator, I am, Humbly yours,

S. L. PARHAM, B.Th.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Middle Baptist Missionary Association of North Carolina, and shall be composed of pastors of churches belonging to the Union, and members chosen by the different churches, whom they deem best qualified to represent them in the Association.

Article 2. It shall be the object of this Association to encourage in every practical way the true worship of God, the spread of the Gospel, education in the Ministry, to aid weak churches and to assist in establishing churches wherever needed.

Article 3. Each church represented in this Association shall express the number of members in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last Association.

Article 4. The pastors and the members chosen by the churches of this Union shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches, but they may, from time to time, recommend to any or all the churches of this Association such measures as in their opinion will further the Master's kingdom among men.

Article 5. This Association shall have for its officers a President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Clerks, Treasurer, Auditor, and Executive Board, and by virtue of offices, the President and Clerks shall be President and Clerks of the Board; and the Board shall meet subject to the call of the President.

Article 6. The Moderator shall preside in all meetings of the Association, secure order, state and put all questions, and announce the votes cast. The Clerk shall record the actions of the Association and see that the proceedings of each session are printed in Minutes and distributed to each church and account of the same kept separate for report. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the Association, subject to the ruling of the Association, and shall make an annual report of all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the Association, subject to the ruling of the Association, and shall make an annual report of all moneys, papers or bonds belonging to the said Association.

Article 7. Other churches may be represented in this Association who may petition by letter or delegation. If found in Gospel order the Moderator shall give the right hand of fellowship.

Article 8. Every Church in this Association shall be entitled to a representative, but no Church shall send more than three delegates to one sitting.

Article 9. This Association shall endeavor to furnish the Chruches with the Minutes. The best method of effecting this purpose shall be left to the direction of the Association.

Article 10. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the Association. For raising this fund we think it the duty of each Church of this Association to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send it by the hands of their delegates to this Association.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of each Church of this Association to send by its delegates or letters to each sitting of this Association, such named sum as it is willing to send as a donation to the next sitting of the Association. Such sum wil be expected.

Article 12. This Association shall have power to enquire of any Church or Churches why they are not represented at any sitting of this Association, and if they have been wronged this Association shall endeavor to correct the wrong.

Article 13. This Association shall have an Executive Board, of which the President and Secretary shall be members. The members who shall constitute said Board shall be decided upon by the body.

Article 14. The work of the Executive Board shall be independent of all parties, subject to the criticism and correction of the Association. And one of the duties of the Executive Board shall be to prepare programmes for each sitting of the Association.

Article 15. This Constitution can be changed or altered by a two-third vote of the Association at any regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

1st. That no person or persons shall bring their personal matters against any individual who belongs or may belong to this body without the consent of the Association. That the Moderator shall have power to decide whether any matter is personal.

2nd. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3rd. Any brother desiring to speak or make a motion shall rise, address the Moderator with the word "Brother," and shall not proceed to speak until the Moderator recognizes him.

4th. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he breaks the rules of this decorum.

5th. The person speaking shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before him, but shall fairly state the case so as to convey his ideas.

6th. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject unless obtaining liberty from the Association.

7th. It shall be a breach of order for any brother or brothers to whisper while another brother is speaking.

8th. The Moderator shall see that each brother, when speaking, strictly adheres to rules of this decorum.

9th. The names of the several members shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as the Association requires.

10th. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in case of a tie.

11th. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by this body as they may deem proper.

12th. That the Association does not recognize Ministers who go outside of the bounds of the Association for ordination.

13th. These rules shall be subject to a change or amendment by a majority vote at any regular session.

NAME OF CHURCH	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	PASTOR AND POSTOFFI
Aaron's Creek	E. B. Norwood	Rev. J. M. Taylor, Creed
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Red Bud	Moses Lemay	Rev. S. Wade
Shiloh, Kittrell	Henry Smith, Kittrell, N. C.	Rev. S. Wade
Stovall Chapel	W. E. Taylor, Stovall, N. C.	Rev. H. H. Overby
Spring Street	Mrs. Sallie Frazier	Rev. S. G. Grigg
Shiloh, Henderson		Rev. A. W. Pegues, D.D.
Welcome Chapel	A. D. Watkins	Rev. J. M. Burchett, Mans

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